

COAL'S PRICE TO BE PROHIBITIVE.

Only 50,000 Tons Left in the City, Declares a Prominent Retail Dealer.

STRIKERS CHARGE MINE.

First Serious Trouble Since the Great Shut-Down—New Hope Expressed for Arbitration Now.

The Retail Coal Dealers' Association met this afternoon in the Coal Exchange Building, at Lexington avenue and East Fifty-eighth street. Before being called into executive session, a prominent member of the association said to an Evening World reporter:

"In all likelihood we will raise the price of coal to make it next to prohibitive."

"This we must do for our own protection."

"THERE ARE NOW ONLY ABOUT 50,000 TONS OF ANTHRACITE COAL IN THIS CITY—THAT'S THE TOTAL SUPPLY."

"The heavy users of coal—such as the Manhattan 'L', the large factories, the power supply companies, &c., are naturally eager to buy all the coal they can get at the present prices and store it."

"Now, we might just as well do the storing ourselves."

A representative of a prominent wholesale firm said:

"It is hard to say what prices we may have to ask. At present it is impossible to get a car of coal from the anthracite regions. The railroad companies are holding every car they get their hands on."

"If you would go over all the dumping grounds and docks where anthracite coal is stored, I do not believe you would find more than 50,000 tons on hand, and every piece of this coal is being held by the railroad companies."

STRIKERS CHARGE MINE.

SCANTON, Pa., May 20.—Fifteen hundred mine workers at Olyphant this morning made the first serious demonstration since the strike began in the Lackawanna Valley.

Their onslaught was directed against the Grassy Island washery of the Delaware and Hudson Company, in the northern part of the town.

A Hungarian woman jumped in among the foremen, and snatching the hat from the head of one, hurled it into a muddy pool, yelling wildly as she did so. Her action came near precipitating trouble, and only through the determined effort of some of the strike leaders was she dragged away and made to keep quiet.

While the demonstration was going on, six armed deputies, who had come up from the washery, were warned not to approach too near and warned that they had better go back to the washery. As no company official was present to direct their movements they acted on the suggestion and retreated to the washery.

KILLS SELF AND WARD WITH GAS.

Mystery in the Deaths of Miss Stetson and Her Beautiful Foster-Daughter, Miss Hage.

Miss Jennie Stetson, about fifty years old, and her adopted child, Annie Stetson, the beautiful seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hage, of No. 111 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn, were found dead in their room on the fourth floor of the fashionable apartment-house at No. 24 St. Francis street, Brooklyn, this morning.

Both Dead When Found.

Grace Howard, a servant for Mrs. Marriott, who conducts the St. Francis street apartments, discovered gas coming from the room occupied by Miss Stetson and the young woman, and went downstairs to notify her employer. She had inhaled so much of the gas that she fell unconscious when she was told of her discovery.

Mrs. Marriott caused the door to the fourth-story room to be broken in. The bodies of the two women were found on the bed, disrobed, with all the gas jets open and no light. The windows and doors had been securely closed.

On the dresser was this note: "ANNIE'S FATHER IS JOHN HAGE, NO. 111 PUTNAM AVENUE, BROOKLYN."

Miss Jennie Stetson until May 1 conducted a high-priced boarding-house at No. 165 Halcyon street, Brooklyn. On that date she sold at auction, the purchaser being Mrs. Louise Ireland.

She was the daughter of a sea captain who died abroad a number of years ago. Her mother, two sisters and three brothers live within a few blocks of the Halcyon street house.

NEWS At Home TOLD IN TABLOIDS Abroad NEWS

LOCAL.

TUNNEL REPORT READY.

Comptroller Grout announced to-day that the report of the sub-committee of the Rapid Transit Commission which has been in charge the contract for the Brooklyn Tunnel would report the matter to the full Board at a special meeting called for next Friday at 11 A. M.

TAKEN TO BELLEVUE WARD.

William Hearin, nineteen years old, of No. 65 Madison avenue, was sent from his home to the alcoholic ward in Bellevue this afternoon on complaint of his mother, Mrs. R. M. Hearin.

LICENSE FOR CIRCLE HALL.

Police Commissioner Partridge to-day issued a license for the Circle Music Hall, Sixtieth street and Broadway, in the name of O. E. Wilson. Wilson applied for the license early in the year, and the Commissioner then denied the application.

CATHOLICS IN CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual conference of the Catholic clergy of the Diocese of New York was opened in St. Patrick's Church, Mulberry street, to-day. It was attended by the clergy from west of the Hudson and from the west side of the city.

REVERE DESCENDANT DEAD.

Mrs. Susan Laxelle Revere Sampson, widow of William S. Sampson, is dead at the residence of her sister, Mrs. S. S. Morris, in East Orange, N. J. She was a great-granddaughter of Paul Revere, Revolutionary hero, and was eighty-five years old. She is survived by three sons.

RECEIVER MADE PERMANENT.

The appointment of Henry S. Terhune as receiver for the Longstreet, Horton & Mitchell Cracker Co., of Newark, N. J., has been made permanent by Vice-Chancellor Pitney, in Chancery Chambers at Jersey City.

WHO LOST THIS PIGEON?

A carrier pigeon bearing the mark "17 W 1895" flew in the basement window of No. 106 East One Hundred and Thirty-first street last Thursday, and is now in the possession of Mrs. J. B. Street, who is anxious to return the bird to its owner.

TEACHERS WILL MEET.

A meeting in the interest of the Teachers' Retirement Fund of the State of New Jersey will be held next Friday at 3 P. M. at the People's Memorial Church, Broadway street, New York.

WOMEN'S FLAG FOR PALMA.

Women residents of Elmhurst, L. I., have made a Cuban flag which Martin Glynn, of Elmhurst, will carry to Cuba and present to President Palma. Nearly every woman in Elmhurst has put one or more stitches in the flag.

MARTIN KING OFF FOR EUROPE.

Martin King will sail for Europe to-day on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, to spend at the opening, on May 24, of the new school building attached to the Westchester Temporary Home.

BISHOP POTTER WILL SPEAK.

Bishop Potter has accepted an invitation to speak at the opening, on May 24, of the new school building attached to the Westchester Temporary Home.

JEROME TO TALK AT HARVARD.

District Attorney Jerome is to talk before Harvard students on Decoration Day. On the day after his visit to Colorado Springs, where he is to speak before the Colorado Bar Association, he will be here until July 10.

LOW WILL INSPECT STREETS.

Mayor Low will inspect the work of Commissioner Goddard's department on his boarding-house of inspection, at a very general inspection of the lower districts of the city will be made.

SPECIAL SHIP FOR CORONATION.

The Hamburg-American line has announced that the Princess Victoria Louise will sail with coronation passengers, at first class, and without cargo, from New York on June 10.

NEW VENEZUELAN MINISTER.

E. Gonzalez Esteves, Venezuelan Consul-General at New York, has received a letter from Gen. Juan Bautista Ferrer, a liberal, as Minister of Foreign Affairs for Venezuela.

golden-haired Annie, of the Hage family, who was opposed seriously by her mother, and an estrangement is said to have been the result. She adopted the child in the courts and idolized her. She was provided with the finest room in the house.

At the boarding-house to-day there was much gossip. It was openly said that Miss Stetson was married, that she had said to herself, and that she had used checks made out to Mrs. Charles Ferguson.

Mystery About Miss Stetson.

Mrs. Smith, of No. 163 Halcyon street, who owns the house next door, which is the boarding-house, said this morning that about a year ago she was going to leave Miss Stetson for non-payment of rent, when she was visited by Charles Ferguson, a wealthy coal dealer of Tenth avenue, Brooklyn, who told her that he would be responsible for the rent. After that, she says, he paid her the rent.

Saw a Death Notice.

A death notice in the papers last night was of "C. Ferguson," and some believe that Miss Stetson saw this. It was not the Charles Ferguson she knew, however.

Recently Annie Stetson has been attending the Erasmus Hall High School, in Brooklyn.

When Mrs. John Hage, the mother of several children, who she is trying to raise in the rear of No. 111 Putnam avenue, was told of her pretty daughter's tragic death she became hysterical and cried:

"She has killed her! She has killed her!"

What Mr. Ferguson Says.

Mr. Ferguson was seen at his coal yard, No. 92 Kent avenue, Williamsburg, this afternoon. He said:

"My relations with Miss Stetson were purely of a business nature. When she paid me for her furniture, I placed the bill for \$1,400. She wrote me that she could not pay it, and sent me a check for \$1,400. I cashed it and the furniture in the hands of a firm of auctioneers and all they realized was \$1,000."

"If Miss Stetson killed herself it was because of worry. She could not get along and support the girl as she desired and the fact gave her remorse."

"A FULL PURSE NEVER LACKS FRIENDS."

The advertiser who recognizes the value of Sunday World Wants never lacks a full purse.

WHY NIXON WENT BACK TO THE SHIP YARDS.



TELEGRAPH.

FIRE THREATENS HOSPITAL.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—Fire broke out this afternoon in the large building, Nos. 251 to 259 North Broad street, occupied by Marks Brothers, owners of a large department store, as a stable and warehouse. Haneman Hospital, one of the largest in the city, was within a few yards of the fire and patients were taken out.

GALLIES ARRIVES.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 20.—The French cruiser Gambia, which was sent to this country in connection with the unveiling of the Buchanan statue at Washington, arrived in the Virginia cove early to-day.

DROWNED AFTER EXPLOSION.

CAMDEN, N. J., May 20.—Two lives were lost this afternoon following an explosion on the tug Charles Killian. A cylinder head blew out and the members of the crew jumped overboard and struck out for the shore. All reached it in safety except the cook and fireman, who became exhausted and sank.

DIMON VERDICT APPEALED.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 20.—The New York Central Railroad Company to-day filed a notice of appeal with County Clerk Sutherland at White Plains, from a verdict of a Westchester jury awarding \$50,000 damages for the killing of her husband in the Vanderbilt tunnel wreck on Jan. 8 last.

KILLED HIMSELF AT EIGHTY.

MAHANY CITY, Pa., May 20.—William Gibson, a former supervisor of this city and owner of considerable real estate, is dead here from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head. He was eighty years old and a native of New Jersey.

DROWNED SAVING A BOY.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 20.—William, the four-year-old son of William Woods, of Bedford Station, owes his life to-day to a servant girl who saved him from being burned to death.

EARTHQUAKE IN VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Va., May 20.—Pearlburg, Giles County, reports that an earthquake of considerable severity was felt there Saturday night about 11 o'clock. It was accompanied by rumblings, which lasted some time.

BEUF TRUST ENJOINED IN GOVERNMENT ACTION.

District-Attorney at Chicago Wins First Round in Attack on Combine.

CHICAGO, May 20.—The United States government was granted its petition for a temporary injunction against the so-called Beef Trust in the United States Court to-day.

The packers, contrary to expectations, made no objection to the filing of the petition.

While the attitude of the attorneys for the packers is enigmatical, it is believed they are relying upon making a demurrer to the Government's petition.

The government asked that a "temporary order issue from this court restraining until final hearing or until further order of the court the defendants, the Cudahy Packing Company, Armour & Co., the Armour Packing Company, the G. H. Hammond Company, the Schwarzkopf & Sulzberger Company (corporations), Nelson Morris, Edward Morris and Ira H. Morris (co-partners as Nelson Morris & Co.), J. Ogden Armour, Patrick A. Valentine, Calvin M. Fayner, Arthur Mosker, Thomas J. Conners, Charles F. Langdon, Michael Cudahy, Edward A. Cudahy, Patrick Cudahy, Albert F. Borchert, Gustavus F. Swift, Louis F. Swift, Lawrence A. Corton, D. Edwin Hartwell, Jesse P. Lyman, Frank E. Vogel, Louis Pfeister, William Russell, Albert H. Veeder, Henry Veeder, Edward C. Swift, Ferdinand

MANUFACTURERS COME HERE.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—The Executive Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers has decided to move the general offices of the organization from this city to New York.

ATTACHMENT FOR ELEPHANT.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 20.—Alderman Brown has issued an attachment for one of a head of nineteen elephants belonging to Forepaugh & Sell's Circus, which exhibited here, but two constables were unable to find them.

A. M. ROTHSCHILD RETIRES.

CHICAGO, May 20.—A. M. Rothschild has sold his entire interest in the firm of A. M. Rothschild & Co., owners of the State Street Department Store, to Nelson Morris, of Rothschild will retire from the business.

SUICIDE UNDER TRAIN.

ROCHESTER, May 20.—An unknown woman about thirty-five years old, five feet eight inches in height, and wearing a black derby hat and a gray coat, deliberately threw herself in the way of a freight train at Fairport, and was crushed to pieces.

EXEMPT FROM CIVIL SERVICE.

ALBANY, May 20.—The State Civil Service Commission has exempted from Civil Service competitive examination the positions of Deputy Commissioner of Finance and Secretary of the Commission of Jurors of Kings County.

PRESS TO HEAR PRESIDENT.

BOSTON, May 20.—President Roosevelt, who is expected at Harvard University in commencement week, has received and has accepted an invitation from the Harvard Club, to attend its annual convention, which will be held here in the last week in June.

TO TRY CHICAGO'S OFFICERS.

NAPLES, Italy, May 20.—A Commission met to-day on board the United States cruiser Chicago, to organize a Court of Inquiry to investigate the arrest of officers of the Chicago at Venice April 25 last. The commander of the Chicago, Capt. James H. Dayton, was appointed President of the Court.

J. BULL INVENTS ENGINE.

LONDON, May 20.—James Bullen, of the Great Eastern Railway, has invented a new locomotive intended for suburban traffic which experts claim is superior to the latest big locomotives of the New York Central Railroad.

\$500,000 PICTURE STOLEN.

PARIS, May 20.—The correspondent of the London Times says that seven valuable paintings have been stolen from the villa of Mme. Humbert, near Melun. One, a Raphael, is valued at \$50,000.

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WASHINGTON.

PHILIPPINES VOTE ON MAY 20.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Senate programme has been settled until June 1. The vote on the Philippines bill will be taken on Thursday, May 20. Then, on June 2 the Canal bill will be taken up.

PLATT GETS \$500,000 MORE.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Senator Platt has appeared before the committee and secured an additional \$500,000 for the new Custom-House in New York. This makes the appropriation \$1,500,000, or \$4,500,000 in all.

TWO MORE BRIGADIERS.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The President has nominated to the Senate Col. William F. Spurgin and Abram A. Harbach to be Brigadier-Generals to fill two vacancies existing in the army.

ADVERSE REPORT ON HOAR BILL.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Senate Committee on Intercommerce Canals has made an adverse report on Senator Hoar's bill leaving the choice of routes for an Isthmian canal to the President.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Senate has confirmed the nominations of Edward B. Bragg, of Wisconsin, to be Consul-General at Havana and of Jesse A. Frye to be United States Attorney for the District of Washington.

Eliff Tower Struck by Lightning.

PARIS, May 20.—A heavy rainstorm broke over Paris this forenoon, accompanied by brilliant lightning and loud thunder, during which the Eiffel Tower was struck three times but was not damaged.

AMERICAN SAILORS WERE IN PERIL FROM PELEE.

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of the war vessels, and particularly of the shore party, was exceedingly narrow.

Sufficient food supplies are arriving here, but linen, clothing, bedding and disinfectants are needed.

The refugees at Fort de France are without work and money is needed for their support.

MOUNT PELEE SURVIVORS TELL OF TEMPEST OF FIRE.

Eye-Witnesses of the Martinique Calamity Arrive Here on the Koronah—Tell Thrilling Stories.

The steamship Koronah, Capt. J. W. Carey, of the Quebec Line, arrived this afternoon from Port de France with Ellery F. Scott, chief engineer, and Charles Thompson, steward, of the steamship Roraima, which was destroyed in the eruption of Mount Pelee.

It was a thankful crew that came ashore from the Koronah, for it was the merest luck that caused them to escape the fate of the other ships in the harbor of St. Pierre on the morning of May 8.

Here is the story told by Engineer Scott of the frightful catastrophe:

BY ELLERY F. SCOTT.

I was on duty on the fore-castle head with Capt. Muggah, when the order was suddenly given to leave anchors. That was uncommon, and I knew that it meant something unusual. When I had a chance to look around I discovered that a rain of fire was falling on our decks, and that the sea was suddenly lashed into fury.

I at once rushed for the shelter of the telegraph room, where several members of the crew had already gathered. This was at eight o'clock Thursday morning and was the first premonition of the calamity destined to follow.

At a distance of fully a mile away we saw Mount Pelee in a state of violent eruption. Flames of vivid hues were shooting high into the clouds, illuminating the country for miles around. As we watched, dismayed by the sight, we were startled to see the great mountain tower suddenly amid a rain of fire, followed by a sound which actually deafened us.

Flames Belched Forth.

From the huge fissures fire belched forth in great sheets. We saw torrents of lava pour out of the fissures and the crater itself descending upon the surrounding country, flooding and laying waste a great area. Houses in the path of the molten stream crumbled or else took fire, and while thus burning were floated away in the great stream of fire.

A perfect rain of fire fell upon our decks starting innumerable fires and keeping us in constant peril. Despite our utmost efforts, handicapped as we were, breathing the overpowering sulphurous atmosphere and at times falling to the deck from suffocation, the ship took fire on each side, and in a twinkling the devouring flames were in command.

At this time we all realized that it was useless to do anything more than to try and save our lives.

Captain's Death Leap.

Saving the ship under the conditions was not to be thought of. Then it was that Capt. Muggah, driven insane by the horror of the situation and the realization that his ship was doomed, jumped overboard. He had bravely remained on deck only to be betrayed by the awful downpour of fire and horribly burned.

One of the passengers of the Roraima was J. B. Dain, agent for the Quebec Steamship Company. At New Bedford, he had been spending a vacation at Guadalupe. Mr. Dain tells a story illustrative of the power of the eruption.

"We heard the noise of the explosion of Mount Pelee plainly," said Mr. Dain, "although we were 125 kilometres from Martinique. The sound reached us some time between 9 and 10 o'clock on the morning of May 8. I suppose it took that long for the noise to travel over the ocean."

"We heard one strong, dull roaring sound and then a succession of lighter, sharper reports. Later in the day we heard that Mount Pelee had exploded."

"Along in the evening the smoke and ashes overwhelmed Guadalupe and a scene of intense excitement ensued. The natives thought it was the end of the world. They fell on their knees and prayed and shrieked all night and all the next day, while the shower of ashes continued to fall. I saw a man who cleared and hearing to more noises the people became reassured. But I had enough of Guadalupe and lost no time in getting aboard the Koronah when she made port."

ALL OF ST. PIERRE SEEMED ABLAZE.

The captain of the Koronah, passing down on the way to Barbadoes, said that Mount Pelee was active, but paid no attention to it. He was due to leave the Barbadoes on the afternoon of May 7, which would have brought his ship to St. Pierre on the morning of the 8th. Just before the time for leaving, however, a consignment of 500 tons of sugar arrived to be put on board. This took a day and the Koronah did not reach the scene of the eruption until the morning of the 9th.

"We got to St. Pierre early on the morning of the day after the eruption," said George M. Pitt, purser of the Koronah. "It was a grand, desolate sight. We ran in as close as we could and saw the Roraima, keeled to starboard and on fire. Once in a while the cloud of smoke lifted and we could see back to where St. Pierre had stood. There was not a living thing in sight."

"It seemed that all of St. Pierre was on fire. The flames leaped high in the air and clouds of ashes fell all around us. We then cut back to Port de France."

"The whole country down there was full of volcano ashes when we left and the islands were panic-stricken."

An anxious inquirer on board the Koronah when she came to her pier was W. A. Parfitt, of Brooklyn, whose brother-in-law, Howard Talmage, was second engineer of the Roraima. Since the disaster it has been impossible to get any news of Talmage by cable. From what was learned today Mr. Parfitt concluded that his brother-in-law perished.

FLAMES DID NOT STOP MACHINERY.

Workmen, Who Had Narrow Escape from Fire, Returned to Their Places and Found Everything Ship-Shape.

While flames were raging in the five-story business building at No. 29 Spruce street to-day fifteen male employees of E. Stimpson, on the fifth floor, made a perilous descent down the fire-escape to the street. So rapidly did the fire spread that the men had to abandon the machinery, which was in full motion during the blaze.

When the firemen had squelched the flames, which were confined to a lower floor, the employees, returning to their places, found the machinery whirling. The fire started on the fourth floor, occupied by A. Shearer, leather importers. Damage amounting to \$1,000 was the result.

POLICY IN FISH STORE?

Society Makes Raid, Which Proprietor Declares Was Put-Up Job.

Superintendent McFarland, of the Anti-Police Society, with Agents Keyes, Reides and Higgins, made a raid on an alleged policy shop in the rear of a fish store at No. 483 Eleventh avenue, just around the corner from the West Thirty-seventh Street Police Station.

The place is run by William Smith, who was arrested, as was Allen Olcott. Smith was indignant, and said Superintendent McFarland and his men carried the paraphernalia into his shop and "planted" it.

FAT VS. BRAINS.

Food That Makes Brilliant Newspapers.

Nervous prostration cannot continue if the right kind of food is used, but food that will build fat does not always contain the elements necessary for rebuilding the soft gray matter in the nerve centres.

A lady tells how she got well from using Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food. "I was treated by several physicians at the hospital. The doctors gave me various nerve tonics without producing any beneficial results. I finally got so weak that I could not work either physically or mentally."

"About two years ago I